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PATENT

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Multiple Services and Multiple Carriers  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(c)  
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It is respectfully submitted that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed during one of the periods described in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c); the appropriate fee under 37 CFR § 1.97(c)(2) and as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is included with the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as an electronic authorization to charge the IDS fee to the below-identified Deposit Account.

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Section 2. FORM SB/08a

A list of patents and publications is set forth on the IDS form(s) (SB/08a) enclosed with the electronic filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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